Installation of China's machines in textile sector

883. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before the mills of NTC to instal China's machines to make the sick mills turn around;

(b) whether it is also a fact as a part of restructure and to reduce the administrative costs, nine subsidiaries of the NTC have been merged and only one CMD has been appointed to look after these nine mills; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) National Textile Corporation (NTC) has no such proposal. However, NTC is in the process of finalizing purchase of machineries to modernize its mills through open tender system.

(b) and (c) NTC has submitted the draft of Modified Revival Scheme to IDBI for vetting and onward submission to BIFR for approval. Government have taken a decision to restructure NTC into a Single Company by merging all the 9 Subsidiaries with the Holding Company. Board for Re-construction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) has also approved the above proposal in March, 2005.

Shilp Guru Scheme for weavers

884. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a "Shilp Guru Scheme" to bring together weavers of the country under one banner;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken in pursuance thereof to help revive the weavers looms and to help the weavers stand competition from the big textile mills?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) Shilp Guru Scheme is not being implemented for Handloom Weavers in the country.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.